



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Chester

St Matthew's, Stretton
and
St Cross, Appleton Thorn



Sunday 21st November 2021

Worship



Sunday Worship COVID19 Update

As you will be aware, most legal restrictions brought in to limit the spread of COVID19 have now been lifted. All of the advice from Government and the Church of England, however, is to proceed with care and caution. For our church services, it is no longer necessary to book a place in advance. We will, however, continue to record contact details for test and trace purposes. Good hygiene practices, including hand sanitising, wearing of face coverings, and maintaining distance from others, while no longer mandatory, remain strongly recommended. Congregational hymn singing is now allowed in services: we are asking people to remain seated for hymns and to sing with faces covered, at reduced volume, to limit the spread of aerosols. The administration of communion (wafer only) will continue in the same way as we have been doing it for some time.

Livestreamed Worship

Our Sunday morning services will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook at 10.45AM.

If you would like to join us via Zoom, please let me know and I will email you the link.

You can 'attend' the service via Zoom with your camera and microphone off, so that you can see and hear what is happening without being seen or heard! If you would like to contribute to a service by doing a reading or prayers, we would welcome that too and can provide help if you need it.

Alan

Calendar

Sunday 21 November	9.30AM 10.45AM	Holy Communion Holy Communion	St Cross St Matthew's / Facebook
Tuesday 23 rd November	10-12PM	Coffee Morning	St Cross
Wednesday 24 th November	9-11AM 7.30PM	Coffee Morning Reflection	St Matthew's Facebook
Thursday 25 th November	10.30AM	Holy Communion	St Matthew's
Friday 26 th November	2PM	Praise & Play!	St Matthew's
Sunday 28 November	9.30AM 10.45AM	Holy Communion Holy Communion	St Cross St Matthew's / Facebook

Reflections



Linda's weekly Reflections continue on Facebook on Wednesday evenings at 7.30PM. You can join us live on the St Matthew's Facebook page or watch the video later.

The live-streamed services are here:

<https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewschurchstretton>

<https://www.facebook.com/StCrossAppletonThorn>

For your prayers



Baptisms

Harriet BATE (Baptism at St Matthew's, today 21 November)

Weddings

Lucy Laura SMITH and George Flannigan SMITH (Married at St Matthew's on Thursday 18 November)

Funerals

Barbara HAMILTON (Funeral at St Matthew's Friday 26 November)

Bishops' Visit

The Bishops of Chester, Birkenhead, and Stockport are visiting the Deanery from Monday 22 to Wednesday 24 November. They will be taking part in various activities in parishes around the Deanery. As part of this, bishops Julie (Birkenhead) and Sam (Stockport) will be attending an open meeting at St Thomas, Stockton Heath, at 7.30PM on Wednesday 24 November. All welcome.

In addition, +Julie will be visiting Appleton Thorn Primary School to hear about Bawming the Thorn from the children. She will also be calling in to the coffee morning at St Matthew's on Wednesday 24th. +Sam is going to attend an assembly at St Matthew's CE Primary School that morning.



Praise & Play

St Matthew's Praise & Play! Is back in church each Friday during school term at 2pm. Look forward to seeing you!

The next P&P at St Cross will be on 7 December.

School Admissions

If you are planning to apply for a place at a church school, and it would help to have evidence of regular attendance, there is a sign-in sheet at St Matthew's which you can use. At St Cross, please speak to one of the Wardens. St Matthew's CE (Aided) Primary School's admissions policy (2022-2023) states that parents who applying on the grounds of being 'faithful and regular worshippers' should have attended services "at least once a month for at least a year prior to application".

Coffee Mornings



Both churches have now resumed weekly coffee mornings - 10-12 on Tuesdays at St Cross and 9-11 on Wednesdays at St Matthew's. This is a great opportunity to catch up with friends or meet new people. In addition, we plan to resume serving coffee after communion at St Matthew's on Thursdays, if we

have the volunteers to prepare, serve, and clean up afterwards. If you can help, please let us know.

Church Flowers



We wish to thank the following people for their generous donations towards church flowers:

Jane Gray in memory of her mother.

Michelle and Paul Gwillim for their daughter's wedding.

Smile Lines



Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers; they will never be unemployed.

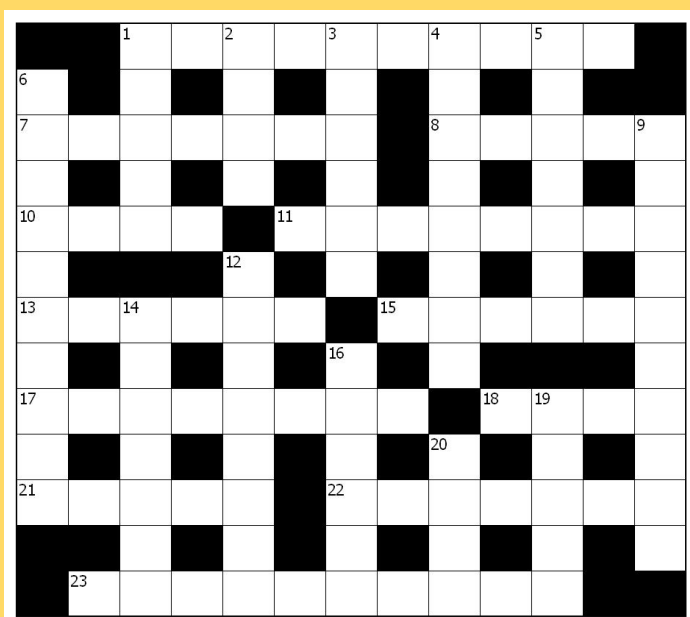
Split

A professor was lecturing his physics class. "If molecules can be split into atoms and the atoms split into electrons, can the electrons be broken down any further?"

"I'm not certain," replied one of his pupils, "But a sure way to find out would be to post some of them in a Christmas package marked 'fragile.'"

Crossword

Across



1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)

7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14-15) (7)

8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)

10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)

11 Seized controls of (Numbers 21:25) (8)

13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)

15 First World War heroine shot

by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse

Edith _____ (6)

17 Stormy (8)

18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone 'unclean' (Numbers 9:11) (4)

21 Arson (anag.) (5)

22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)

23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

Down

- 1 ' _____ and see that the Lord is good' (Psalm 34:8) (5)
- 2 'The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as _____ as a lion' (Proverbs 28:1) (4)
- 3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)
- 4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19-20) (8)
- 5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)
- 6 'Offer your bodies as living _____, holy and pleasing to God' (Romans 12:1) (10)
- 9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)
- 12 One who accepts government by God (8)
- 14 Aromatic substances commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)
- 16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)
- 19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)
- 20 'You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will _____ his people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21) (4)

Pre-School



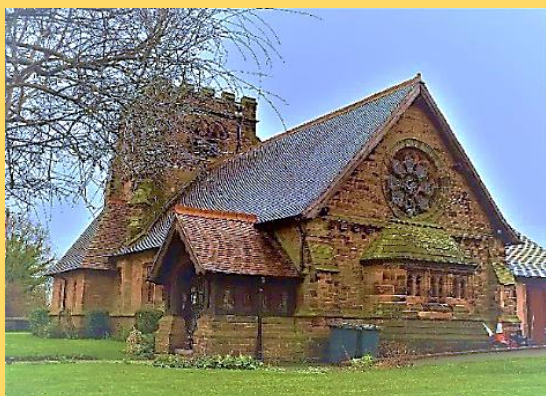
There will be a pre-school Elf Hunt fundraiser on the 27th November 10.00am-12.00 noon. This will include an elf hunt around a route and count the elves, £5 per entry for the chance to win! There will also be festive stalls and delicious refreshments available from 'The Cat and Lion', including mulled wine for the grown-ups! All are welcome.

Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Tabernacle. 7, Absalom. 8, Incas. 10, Roes. 11, Captured. 13, Fright. 15, Cavell. 17, Cyclonic. 18, Herb. 21, Sonar. 22, Amazing. 23, Settlement.

DOWN: 1, Taste. 2, Bold. 3, Ramiah. 4, Abiathar. 5, Lucerne. 6, Sacrifices. 9, Saddlebags. 12, Theocrat. 14, Incense. 16, Pilate. 19, Exist. 20, Save.

St Cross Appleton Thorn



St Matthew's Stretton



Laura Booth, Parish Secretary
St Matthew's, Stretton, and St Cross, Appleton Thorn
St Matthew's Parish Office, Stretton Road, Stretton, WARRINGTON. WA4 4NT
(01925) 732800
Office Hours Wednesdays from 9.15 - 3.15pm
St Matthew's Church, Stretton and St Cross Church, Appleton Thorn
